

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A terminal tackle for use with a fishing line and including a swivel portion having a ring that is trapped, but slidable on and rotatable about said swivel portion, said terminal tackle
5 further comprising:

a bearing for receiving the fishing line therein, said bearing being trapped, but slidable on and rotatable about said ring; and

a hollow sleeve that is crimped around the fishing line to secure the fishing line in said bearing.

10 2. The terminal tackle of Claim 1 wherein said bearing comprises a grommet having a channel for receiving the fishing line therein.

3. The terminal tackle of Claim 2 wherein said grommet is shaped in the form of a pulley.

15 4. A method for reducing the stress and abrasion of a fishing line coupled to a terminal tackle that holds a lure thereto, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a terminal tackle having a swivel portion that includes a slidable and rotatable ring trapped to said swivel portion;

trapping a bearing to said ring wherein said bearing is slidable on and rotatable about said ring;

20 positioning the free end of the fishing line around said bearing; and crimping said free end of the fishing line to the remainder of the fishing line, thereby trapping the fishing line in said bearing.

5. The method of Claim 4 wherein said step of trapping a bearing to said ring comprises shaping the bearing to have a pulley form which includes a channel.

25 6. The method of Claim 5 wherein said step of positioning the free end of the fishing line around said bearing comprises disposing the fishing line inside said channel.